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Request for Corrected Patent Publication

Sir:

The above patent application was published on June 27, 2002, hereby enclosed as Exhibit E. Upon examination of this patent application, it is clear that the **marked-up** portion from the back of a preliminary amendment was published as the patent application and not the clean copy of amended patent application found in the initial portion of the preliminary amendment, which was filed on December 21, 2001. There are deleted words bracketed throughout this published patent application. **These bracketed words in the marked-up portion of a preliminary amendment are not part of the patent application that was filed.** It is respectfully believed

that this is a material mistake made by the United States Patent Office that is apparent from the Office Records.

Moreover, an International Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) patent application was listed under the "Foreign Application Priority Data" as a patent application filed in Great Britain. **PCT/GB00/02413 was clearly listed on the first page of the preliminary amendment that was filed by the Applicant when entering the national phase as a PCT application (Exhibit B) as well as the Declaration filed with this patent application (Exhibit A).** Even the patent application number itself is listed as PCT/GB00/02413 and not a number appropriate for a patent application filed in Great Britain. It is respectfully believed that this is a material mistake made by the United States Patent Office that is apparent from the Office Records. As shown in Exhibit D, U.S. Patent Application No. 20020055961, and Exhibit C, U.S. Patent Application No. 200020066007, European Patent Applications are designated as "EP" and not the country from which they are filed. The same should hold true for International Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Patent Applications regardless of the receiving office in which they are filed. Once again, it is respectfully believed that this is a material mistake made by the United States Patent Office that is apparent from the Office Records.

I am enclosing the corresponding patent application with section numbers that is ready for publication as Exhibit F. In view of the above, it is respectfully believed that this patent application should be republished under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.211. However, if the Initial Patent Examination Division feels otherwise, a telephone interview is respectfully requested. This document was filed within the two (2) month deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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